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### DESTROY THE RATS!

They are Distributors of Deadly Diseases

It is a remarkable fact, confirmed by many observations, that many physicians who have devoted considerable labor to the study of a particular disease have themselves died of that disease. One of the most interesting examples is that of John Daniel Major, born August 16, 1834, in Breslau, a physician and naturalist of no mean ability. Bitten early by the wanderlust, he studied at Wittenburg, took courses at many of the schools in Germany, and finally went to Italy where he received the degree of doctor of medicine at Padua in 1860. Returning to his own country, he resided for a short time in Silesia, and in 1861 married at Wittenburg, Margaret Dorothy, a daughter of the celebrated Sonnen.

The following year, his young wife was stricken with plague and died after an illness of eight days. Distracted by his loss, Major wandered up and down Europe studying the plague wherever he found it in the hope that he might discover a cure for the disease which had bereaved him. Spain, Germany, France and Russia were visited by him. He settled in 1865 in Kiel, where he was made professor of botany and the director of the botanical gardens. He made frequent voyages, however, always in quest of the remedy for plague. Finally in 1863, he was called to Stockholm to treat the queen of Charles the Eleventh, then ill with plague. But before he could render her any service, he contracted the disease and died on the third of August.

The bubonic plague is identical with the black death of the Middle Ages. Primarily a disease of rodents caused by a short dumb-

bell shaped microscopic vegetable, the pest bacillus, it occurs in man in three forms; the pneumonic, which has a death rate of almost 100 per cent; the septicemic, which is nearly as fatal, and the bubonic in which even with the most modern methods of treatment the mortality is about 50 per cent. It is a disease of commerce, spreading around the globe in the body of the ship-borne rat.

It is estimated that every case of human plague costs the municipality in which it occurs at least \$7,500. This does not take into account the enormous loss due to disastrous quarantines and the commercial paralysis which the fear of the disease so frequently produces.

The disease is now treated by a serum discovered through the genius of Yersin. This is used in much the same way as is diphtheria antitoxin.

Plague is transferred from the sick rodent to the well man by fleas. The sick rat has an enormous number of plague bacilli in its blood. The blood is taken by the flea which, leaving the sick rat, seeks refuge and sustenance on the body of a human being to whom it transfers the infection.

Since the plague is a disease of rodents, is carried from sick rodents to well men by rodent fleas, safety from the disease lies in the exclusion of rodents, not only exclusion from the habitation of man, but also from the ports and cities of the world. Those who dwell in rat-proof surroundings take no plague. Not only should man dwell in rat-proof surroundings, but he should also live in rat-proof surroundings. The day is past when the rodent served a useful purpose as the unpaid city scavenger. Rats will not come where there is no food for them. Municipal cleanliness may be regarded as a partial insurance against plague. The prayer that no plague come nigh our dwelling is best answered, however, by rat-proofing the habitations of man. Modern sanitary science has evolved a simple and efficient weapon against the pestilence which walketh in the darkness and striketh at noonday, and the U. S. Public Health Service has put this knowledge into practical operation and thus speedily eradicated plague wherever it has appeared in the United States.—U. S. Pub. Health Service, Local.

One great trouble of the people of this age is that they know just how to manage the business of their fellows. The old maid professes her advice upon how to manage a husband and old bachelors can give their fathers pointers on rearing a family of boys. The man who would starve but for the industry and frugality of his wife feels capable to manage the finances of the country and people who cannot be trusted to drive ducks to water, will explain to the world's wisest how to get to heaven. The man who cannot run a hand organ if it were fastened to him can tell you how to run your business. And the man who cannot run anything else on earth knows how to run a newspaper.—South Florida Sentinel.

## Florida a Land of Promise

County Commissioner W. B. Edminster as already told in these columns has just returned from an extensive trip through the middle North, and in writing to a friend in Bunnell describing some of the impressions of the journey says:

"In answer to your request for a statement from me as to the comparative possibilities and values of Florida farming land, as to the lands of Illinois, Iowa, South Dakota and states from which I have just returned after a more or less careful study of conditions, I submit the following:

"The lands of the middle west are in a very high state of cultivation and have reached their limit. These lands sell from \$150 to \$300 an acre and produce an average of 50 bushels of corn per acre which sells for 50 cents per bushel each year or say from 20 to 35 bushels of wheat per acre which sells for from 90 to \$1.25 a bushel. I only mention these two crops to save space as they are typical. This being the case, as a Florida farmer, I marveled at the prosperity. But I found that all the farm owners were people who had acquired these lands either by homestead or they or their ancestors had bought them at cheap prices, 15, 20, 30 or 40 years ago. Now, I contend that the value of the land should be based

upon what they can be made to produce plus the increase on account of location and environment. This being the case, how do our Florida agriculture lands compare in value with Illinois, Iowa, South Dakota or any other of the great agriculture states? St. Johns county flatwoods land which can be bought in large bodies for from \$12.50 to \$20 per acre, produces a crop of 40 barrels of Irish potatoes from January to June which this past season sold for \$5 and \$4 according to grade on track, and six weeks later you could not see a mule working corn on the same ground as the corn was so high. In September and October from a ton to a ton and a half of hay will be cut as a third crop.

"It is very evident to any observer that Florida has the natural advantages over any and all states agriculturally. What we lack is experience in husbanding our resources. The Illinois farmer utilizes every bit of his product while I think I am safe in saying that 40 per cent of the Florida farm product is lost. And stock raising and feeding will save this waste, and it is very rapidly being proven that this is a great stock-raising state. It is demonstrated that we can raise beef and pork in Florida cheaper than any other state in the Union, as our pastur-

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ing season is longer and we can raise legumes, such as cow peas, soy beans and velvet beans which are very high in feeding value at the same time enriching the soil, while corn, sugar cane, sorghum, millet, etc., do well. At this rate these crops are better here than in any state I visited, especially the Japanese cane, which will produce upwards of 20 tons to the acre. These crops are all stock feeds and ensilage.

"The silo is saving the farmers in the middle West and it will prove the making of us here is my belief. St. Johns county land will produce double the amount of ensilage of any county in the middle West, and all that is necessary to bring the successful farmers from the high-priced lands of the middle West to our cheap lands of Florida is to be able to show them that the cow and the hog can be produced along with our staple crops. When this is done we can't keep them away. Great damage has been done the state by unscrupulous land sharks selling worthless lands to the man who if properly placed would have succeeded and been a booster for the state instead of a knocker, and I found these in every place I visited. But I know, as a Florida farmer, that we have the best possibilities of any state in the Union, because of our climate. In the Illinois valley I just had to give up. The thermometer ranged daily from 95 to 112 and the humidity was so heavy that it was almost impossible to breathe. How my mind would turn to the good old ocean breezes, and I registered a vow that nothing but business would ever take me into the hot summer or the cold winter of the middle Western states again. Notwithstanding the delight I got from the beautiful rolling country of Iowa and South Dakota in all its perfection of cultivation and improvement, Florida is good enough for me.—W. B. EDMISTER, "Elkton, Florida," in St. Augustine Record.

**A PUNTA GORDA INQUIRY**  
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### Farm Horses Indispensable

Today, when the tractor is coming into favor as a source of farm power, there are those wild-eyed extremists who would have us believe that the horse is bound to be abolished from the farm. The same propaganda was preached when steam power replaced horse power for driving the old time threshers. As a result of this recent awaking in favor of tractor power, horse breeders have become alarmed again at what seems to be a direct blow at their business.

Horses have been the farmers' helpers and companions when the stress of farm work was the greatest. They have been a part of his big farm household in which fami-

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